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Adenauer's greatest internal political concern now is series of important Land elections. Without ratification of EDC and contractuals by French prior to the North Rhine Westphalia elections scheduled for June 27, we believe that Adenauer coalition might encounter serious difficulty. Other important elections are scheduled in Schleswig Holstein, September 12; Hesse, November 14; Bavaria, later in November; and Berlin, December 5.

Confidential public opinion polls conducted at CDU's request indicate and astonishing 50 percent of voters in North Rhine Westphalia now favor the CDU, but CDU leaders, anticipating a relatively low percentage voter participation, nevertheless expect no such sweeping success as they enjoyed in the Bundestag elections.

With a calculating eye on the coming Landtag elections, Chancellor Adenauer will pay his first state visit to North Rhine-Westphalia on May 13.

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